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**How J. J. McGraw Broke Into Big League Baseball**

Has Only Been In the Limeright for Twelve Years, but "Mugsy" Is Among the Most Famous Men in America.

JULY 17 marked the 12th anniversary of the advent of John J. McGraw into the limelight of National league baseball in New York.

His first professional engagement was in New York and Pennsylvania league.

This league included Bradford, Erie, Williamsport, Altoona, Johnstown, Meadville and Wilkesbarre in Pennsylvania; Jamestown, Olean and Elmira in New York; and during its short existence it was a whirlwind baseball organization. W. C. Higgins of Bradford, now of Pittsburgh, was secretary of the league.

The league came into existence wholly and entirely through love of the great outdoor game and a laudable ambition on the part of the towns represented to maintain and uphold athletic supremacy. Commercialism did not enter into the proposition at all. Those interested in the game went into their pockets freely and frequently, that their club might stay the season out and beat rivals in the race for the pennant. In addition to this, most every season witnessed the passing of subscription papers in all the towns making up the circuit, appealing to the local pride of the citizens to keep in the baseball world.

It was with Olean that McGraw played his first engagement, but he did not last long. He was too intense and zealous, so was released. In his teens and about as big as a pop bottle he had the baseball callous on both hands and he was playing in the Billy Simcox, the owner of the Olean club, had to shoe him away to keep

press notices brought him to the attention of Ned Hanlon of the Baltimore club. Since that time until the present the public has been pretty well informed about McGraw and his baseball career.

McGraw was not the only player in the New York and Pennsylvania league to achieve distinction—not a long shot. There was Jack Shearon of Bradford, who was a star in the "Home-grown." Jack learned to pitch on the town lots and was one of the best in the league. He had a record of 16 consecutive wins—not far from Babe Marquard's record. This feat won him a berth on the Cleveland National league team. He hurt his back in the first spring training at Hot Springs and only pitched a few games for Cleveland. Then he went to the International league and for a number of years starred as a batter and fielder for Erie and Buffalo. He played right field when that club won the pennant.

Cupid Childs, the fat second baseman, graduated from the Altoona club in Cleveland, and later to Philadelphia. The famous Kid Gleason was signed by Philadelphia after winning 12 games with the Altoona club. Among the New York and Pennsylvania league pitchers drafted by the big league were George Cuyper, from Meadville to Pittsburgh; and from Bradford to Pittsburgh; and Brooklyn "Jack" Menoff, from Erie to Chicago. Beath, one of Johnstown's pitchers, was accounted the best in the league; he also went to Cleveland, and his catcher, Kinslow, went to Washington. Cleveland picked up first baseman Jake Virtue from Altoona; Connie Mack also got a pitcher from Bradford, and a catcher from Altoona and Cobb Milbee a pitcher from Erie.

"Tip" O'Neil, the president of the Western league, was a star catcher in Bradford and went from there to be manager of the Kansas City team. Later he drifted to the Pacific coast and played with Oakland in the National league. The Bradford team landed in his present berth as the Big Wig in the western baseball world.

Clark Armour went from Homestead to play right field and manager of the Bradford team. After leaving the New York and Pennsylvania league, Armour signed with the Chicago team, and now owns the Toledo club in the Tri-State.

Big Charley Dooley came from Patterson, N. J., to play for Bradford. He had more speed than Amos Rusie, but lacked control. Every time he pitched a ball he endangered the life of the batter, the catcher or a spectator. After the demise of the New York and Pennsylvania league he went to the International league, where he played first base. He was manager of the Montreal team for a long time.

There was plenty of betting in this league, but no scandal connected with it. The sports and fans in any of the towns would rather pick out an eye than bet on any game. The Bradford team backed the home team to the limit and found excuses for their favorites when they lost and hoped and schemed for the future.

The league was under the protection of the national agreement with a salary limit, but on most of the teams the salary limit, \$600, would not begin to pay the wages of one star on any of the teams in the circuit. This ultimately killed the league, because it could not stand the burden of almost National league wages for players with second class, minor league pay.

It was in this league that the historic "dog game" was played. The game was between Olean and Bradford at Olean. The towns are 13 miles apart and better rivals and always played on a hot day. The Bradford team negotiated 13 innings to tie the 15th inning Olean had two out, a man on first and second. There was a big crowd present, the stadium overflowing and the crowd fringed about the infield. The batter hit a slow Texas line drive, which was caught by Fielder Bryan rushed for the ball but a cur dog beat him to it. The dog pounced upon the ball and began playfully side stepping all efforts of the Bradford infield and outfield to get to him. The two base runners of course scoured home with two runs, winning the game and a lot of Olean bragging.

At this denouement great excitement prevailed. The Olean crowd went wild with glee and a lot of Olean bragging. The Bradford crowd was equally wild with rage, pain and mortification. There was a great hubbub and a great commotion, owing to the large sums of money bet on it; sporting authorities everywhere were appalled and for decisions. Olean had the laugh on Bradford and pocketed the coin. Afterward the game was thrown out in the standing in the clubs.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

**HOW PRESIDENT TART PLAYS THE GAME OF GOLF**

According to Travis, the most striking feature of President Tart's game is the intensity and duration of gaze with which he addresses the ball. This is in the expert's opinion, amounts almost to a fault, because of the risk of incorrect focusing through over-concentration of the retina on the ball.

The president plays with fairly long clubs. His driver and his iron are 47 inches long and weigh 14 ounces. He has made the first hole in 11 holes in the Western league, and in 18-19, the second in 22-23, the third in 24-25, the fourth in 26-27, the fifth in 28-29, the sixth in 30-31, the seventh in 32-33, the eighth in 34-35, the ninth in 36-37, the tenth in 38-39, the eleventh in 40-41, the twelfth in 42-43, the thirteenth in 44-45, the fourteenth in 46-47, the fifteenth in 48-49, the sixteenth in 50-51, the seventeenth in 52-53, the eighteenth in 54-55, the nineteenth in 56-57, the twentieth in 58-59, the twenty-first in 60-61, the twenty-second in 62-63, the twenty-third in 64-65, the twenty-fourth in 66-67, the twenty-fifth in 68-69, the twenty-sixth in 70-71, the twenty-seventh in 72-73, the twenty-eighth in 74-75, the twenty-ninth in 76-77, the thirtieth in 78-79, the thirty-first in 80-81, the thirty-second in 82-83, the thirty-third in 84-85, the thirty-fourth in 86-87, the thirty-fifth in 88-89, the thirty-sixth in 90-91, the thirty-seventh in 92-93, the thirty-eighth in 94-95, the thirty-ninth in 96-97, the fortieth in 98-99, the forty-first in 100-101, the forty-second in 102-103, the forty-third in 104-105, the forty-fourth in 106-107, the forty-fifth in 108-109, the forty-sixth in 110-111, the forty-seventh in 112-113, the forty-eighth in 114-115, the forty-ninth in 116-117, the fiftieth in 118-119, the fifty-first in 120-121, the fifty-second in 122-123, the fifty-third in 124-125, the fifty-fourth in 126-127, the fifty-fifth in 128-129, the fifty-sixth in 130-131, the fifty-seventh in 132-133, the fifty-eighth in 134-135, the fifty-ninth in 136-137, the sixtieth in 138-139, the sixty-first in 140-141, the sixty-second in 142-143, the sixty-third in 144-145, the sixty-fourth in 146-147, the sixty-fifth in 148-149, the sixty-sixth in 150-151, the sixty-seventh in 152-153, the sixty-eighth in 154-155, the sixty-ninth in 156-157, the seventieth in 158-159, the seventy-first in 160-161, the seventy-second in 162-163, the seventy-third in 164-165, the seventy-fourth in 166-167, the seventy-fifth in 168-169, the seventy-sixth in 170-171, the seventy-seventh in 172-173, the seventy-eighth in 174-175, the seventy-ninth in 176-177, the eightieth in 178-179, the eighty-first in 180-181, the eighty-second in 182-183, the eighty-third in 184-185, the eighty-fourth in 186-187, the eighty-fifth in 188-189, the eighty-sixth in 190-191, the eighty-seventh in 192-193, the eighty-eighth in 194-195, the eighty-ninth in 196-197, the ninetieth in 198-199, the ninety-first in 200-201, the ninety-second in 202-203, the ninety-third in 204-205, the ninety-fourth in 206-207, the ninety-fifth in 208-209, the ninety-sixth in 210-211, the ninety-seventh in 212-213, the ninety-eighth in 214-215, the ninety-ninth in 216-217, the hundredth in 218-219.

**STANDING OF THE WESTERN LEAGUE IS ANNOUNCED.**

Chicago, Aug. 8.—President O'Neil of the Western league, announced the official standing of the clubs, including the games played August 6, as follows:

| Club       | W. | L. | Pct. |
|------------|----|----|------|
| Denver     | 44 | 46 | .488 |
| Wellsville | 42 | 48 | .467 |
| Omaha      | 42 | 48 | .467 |
| Des Moines | 40 | 50 | .444 |
| Sioux City | 38 | 52 | .422 |
| Lincoln    | 36 | 54 | .400 |
| Topeka     | 34 | 56 | .378 |

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**Jim Corbett and Abe Attell Have Much Same Experience**

Carelessness In Training Results In Failure to "Make Good" at the Proper Time, Though Attel Has the Best of It.  
 By DE WITT VAN COURT.

THE northern sports are much surprised at Abe Attell's fine condition. Knowing his condition when he left Los Angeles and the strict system of training that Billy Nolan put him through at his Lake County ranch, it is no surprise to me. Attel, like most of the clever fellows, is a poor trainer. The rough and ready chap who depends entirely on his stamina is usually the best trainer. Clever fighters usually depend on their cleverness to win and figure that their cleverness will outlast a lot of fine condition, which has often proved true. But occasionally they slip a cog, as Attel did the last time he fought Harlem Tommy Murphy.

Attel in many ways reminds one of Jim Corbett in his training. Abe stayed up late nights playing pocket while he never drank or smoked much. Keeping late hours is about the worst thing a fighter can do.

Corbett liked the late hours and electric lights and, like Abe, drank little. He passed up a fight with attention and could only get it when many of the sports were around and that was usually after dark.

When Corbett fought Jim Jeffries the last time he took a solid year to prepare himself for the fight. He was in his spare time in the different gymnasiums that happened to be in the neighborhood. He passed up a fight with a wonderful piece of work for himself in building up his muscles, but he did not have the stamina to hold out for a long time. He was a good worker, but he was not a good fighter.

Corbett, on the other hand, would work in a gymnasium just as long as he could hold an audience, and he was a member well when he was training for his fight with Bob Fitzsimmons at the old Madison Square Garden. He was a good worker, but he was not a good fighter.

Billy Delaney, who was training for a fight with Jim Corbett, was a good worker, but he was not a good fighter. He was a good worker, but he was not a good fighter.

**ELM CHEWERS ARE IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

Lavender, O'Toole and Cheney Now Attracting Attention of the Fans.

New York, N. Y., Aug. 8.—Chief interest in the National pennant chase no longer centers about the hurling achievements of Richard L. Marquis, alias Babe Marquard. How the wretched fall and rainy autumn of the New York Giants carved the niche in the pitching hall of fame by winning 100 or more games, three successive beatings following the establishment of that highwater mark.

Other truly greats have risen to take prominent places in the headline section, notably Larry Cheney, Jimmy Lavender and Marty O'Toole, past-masters in the art of spitball pitching. A few years ago the classy exponents of this sort of charmed game could be counted on the fingers of one hand. In fact, John J. McGraw, maker of champions, contents there was only one spitball pitcher in the game—Jack Chesbro, Ed Walsh and Russell Ford. Two other veterans of the game, like the makers of champions, Frank Chance and Fred Clarke, take issue with McGraw on this point.

The Cub leader would add the names of Lavender and Cheney, his present pitching premonitions, to those of Walsh, Chesbro and Ford. Down the line, Walsh, Chesbro has his \$22,500 find, the soretopped O'Toole, as the one best of all time spitball pitcher, are bobbing up with startling regularity and setting a lively pace for the curving winds who do most important delivery and another season or two will probably find the moistened delivery in general use on all clubs. Of the three heroes in this article Lavender is America's most important pitcher. He has won 123 games, having won eight and lost four games since rounding into the picture as a Cub regular. Among his most important victories was one scored against Max Baer, the defeat putting a sudden halt to Baer's record busting string of triumphs. The former has participated in 73 contests for a total of 140 innings' work, and has allowed the opposing forces 124 hits. Sixty six outs are jotted down on his log book, as are 50 passes. Jimmy stands fifth among the mounders of the present body. Cheney, pitching in 23 games, has rounded out a mark which reads 15 victories and seven defeats. He has graced the turret through 177 innings, has allowed 156 hits, fanned 94 batters and walked 62. Eight wild pitches are charged against the Oklahoma giant, who is placed ninth among the league twirlers.

Considerably removed from the Cub stars as the percentage column reads, O'Toole is credited with eight victories and 19 trimmings. The former has given the St. Paul club has been on the job in 20 contests, totalling a matter of 63 innings. During that time he has given 127 hits, fanned 30 games and walked 58.

**CRUCES WINS THE BOWLING MATCH**

In Second Game of Series, El Paso Players Are Defeated.

The Las Cruces team took the second telephone duck pin bowling match from the Cactus club team, Wednesday night by a margin of 10 pins. In the first game, the series stands at a tie and it will require another game to decide the winner of the series, as the Cactus club team took the first game. The deciding game will be played on next Wednesday night and will be by telephone. The other two games have been.

Thursday night the Cactus club's bowling five are matched with the Las Cruces five for a game of ten pins. The score of Wednesday night's game:

| Club        | Score |
|-------------|-------|
| Cactus club | 30    |
| Las Cruces  | 40    |

Totals: Cactus club—30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 410, 420, 430, 440, 450, 460, 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530, 540, 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 600, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 670, 680, 690, 700, 710, 720, 730, 740, 750, 760, 770, 780, 790, 800, 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 880, 890, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990, 1000.

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Secretary Buckey will leave for Douglas Saturday and may perfect plans for entering the race. The matter was to be taken up at the meeting of the Automobile Club, Wednesday night, but on account of not being able to get a quorum the meeting was postponed until later.